Employment on compassionate grounds in Railways

†3232. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Ministry for employment on compassionate grounds in various Railway Zones, as on 30th November, 2002;

(b) the details of action being taken by Government to dispose of such cases, expeditiously; and

(c) by when all the cases for employment on compassionate grounds would be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As on 30th November, 2002, 6537 cases were pending for employment on compassionate grounds in various Railway Zones/Production Units.

(b) Instructions have been issued and reiterated from time to time to make all out efforts to provide compassionate appointments to the eligible candidates as early as possible within the guidelines laid down for the purpose.

(c) All efforts are being made to settle all the pending cases as quickly as possible.

Queues for Rail Tickets at NDLS

†3233. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long queues at the New Delhi Railway Station for purchasing tickets and that sometimes even the trains are missed while buying tickets;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make any arrangement to remove difficulties of passengers in purchasing tickets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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